time keeping in view the nature, intensity and impact of the natural disasters.

(c) and (d) A National Committee on Disaster Management has been set up by the Government of India on 13th February, 2001 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister having representation of the Presidents of the National and State Level political parties. The National Committee will suggest:

(i) short-term, medium-term and long-term steps for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in the earthquake affected areas of Gujarat,

(ii) Deliberate on the necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for an effective and long-term strategy to deal with major natural calamities in the future,

(iii) Look into the parameters that should define a national Calamity.

The first meeting of the National Committee was held on 18th February, 2001.

Wholesale Price Index of Copra

100. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) What is the Wholesale Price Index of Copra for the last 12 months from January, 2000 to December, 2000;

(b) the quantity of Copra purchased giving minimum support price;

(c) the quantity of Copra already sold; and

(d) the market in which Copra was sold and at what price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Monthly Wholesale Price Index of Copra for the period from January, 2000 to December, 2000 is at Statement—I (*See below*).

(b) From March, 2000 to mid February, 2001, a total quantity of 2,10,586 tonnes of Milling Copra and 1,537 tonnes of Ball Copra were purchased.

(c) and (d) A quantity of 15026 tonnes of Milling Copra was sold in whole form, 8437 tonnes after processing and 260 tonnes as Ball Copra. Statement indicating origin, market, range of sale prices of Copra is at Statement—II.

Statement-I

Monthly Wholesale Price Index of Copra

Year/ Month	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2000	144.8	124	115	110.9	106.5	99	93.4	96.6	94.1	91.4	91.4	94.0

(BASE YEAR 1993-94 = 100)

Statement-II

Sale Prices of Copra

Disposal in Whole Form

Origin	Market	Qty. (mt.)	Sale Details Range of sale rate per Mt Rs.
Kerala	Mumbai	668	20750-21180
Kerala	Calicut	132	22000
Andhra Pradesh	Calcutta	2408	19250-24750
Andaman & Nicobar	Calcutta	3861	16460-22310
Andhra Pradesh	Mumbai	7003	20000-21110
Andhra Pradesh	Pune	154	21000-21050
Lakshdweep	Bangalore	800	21620-22000
Total:		15026	
Disposal after processing			Coconut oil Cake
	Kerala	3732	29500-31000
			7040-7650
	Tamil Nadu	4705	
		8437	
		23463	

TOTAL DISPOSAL IN TERMS OF COPRA

Ball Copra

Indore	Karnataka	54	30750-33000
Delhi	Karnataka	125	32000-34500
Lucknow	Karnataka	81	33500-34000
	Total:	260	